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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 and 14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-13, 15-22 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1, drawn to an enterprise evaluation device for calculating R&D cost ratio.

Group II, claim(s) 2, drawn to an enterprise device for calculating gross operating profit by adding acquired operating profit and R&D cost.

Group III, claim(s) 3, drawn to an enterprise evaluation device for calculating gross operating profit by subtracting the administrative expenses from a value obtained by adding sales profit and R&D cost.

Group IV, claim(s) 4, drawn to an enterprise evaluation device for calculating R&D cost ratio by dividing acquired R&D cost by the total assets.

Group V, claim(s) 6, drawn to an enterprise evaluation device for calculating R&D cost ratio by dividing acquired R&D cost by value added amount.

Group VI, claim(s) 7, drawn to an enterprise evaluation device for calculating R&D cost as a function of gross operating profit and displaying calculated R&D cost ratio and market value added.

Group VII, claim(s) 8, drawn to an enterprise evaluation device for calculating expected intellectual property profit.

Group VIII, claim(s) 9, drawn to an enterprise evaluation device for calculating expected intellectual property profit as a function of tangible assets.

Group IX, claim(s) 10, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating R&D cost ratio as a function of the gross operating profit.

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Group X, claim(s) 11, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating gross operating profit.

Group XI, claim(s) 12, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating cost as a function of manufacturing cost.

Group XII, claim(s) 13, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating R&D cost as a function of the total assets.

Group XIII, claim(s) 15, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating R&D cost as a function of value added amount.

Group XIV, claim(s) 16, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating R&D cost as a function of gross operating profit and acquired market value added.

Group XV, claim(s) 17, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating expected intellectual property profit.

Group XVI, claim(s) 18, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating expected intellectual property profit as a function of return on tangible assets.

Group XVII, claim(s) 19, drawn to an enterprise evaluation device for calculating R&D cost index ratio.

Group XVIII, claim(s) 20, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating R&D cost index ratio.

Group XIX, claim(s) 21, drawn to an enterprise evaluation device for calculating index of R&D cost ratio as a function of sales volume and value added amount.

Group XX, claim(s) 22, drawn to an enterprise evaluation program for calculating index of R&D cost ratio as a function of sales volume and value added amount.

The inventions listed as Groups I-XX do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The technical feature present in Group I is different than what is present in the remaining Groups II-XX. Similarly, the technical feature present in Group II is different than what is present in the remaining Groups and so on.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAJESH KHATTAR whose telephone number is (571)272-7981. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Kramer can be reached on 571-272-6783. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Rajesh Khattar/
Examiner, Art Unit 3693